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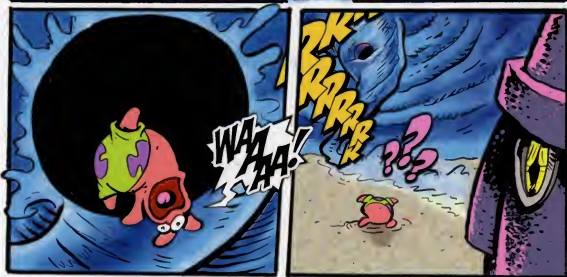
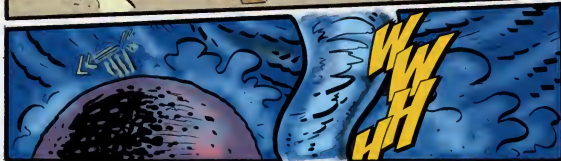
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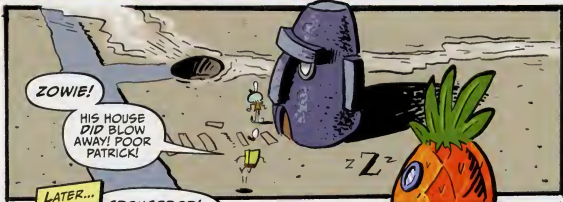
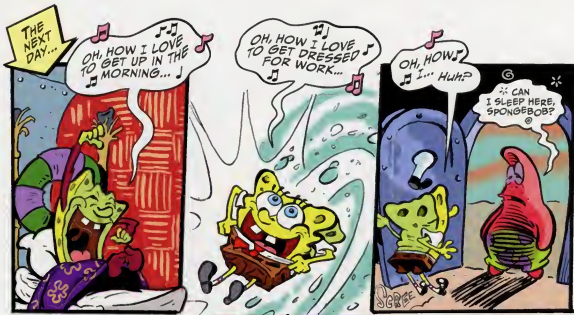
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and his aquatic friends."*

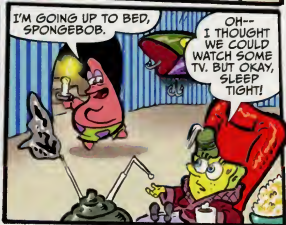
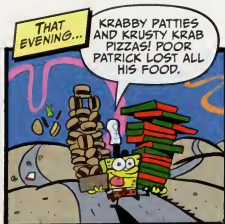
Cover: sketch by Scott Roberts; figures by Jacob Chabot;
color work by Mark Martin; Volcano construction by Cassadee Clements.
SpongeBob SquarePants created by Stephen Hillenburg.

GUEST to PEST

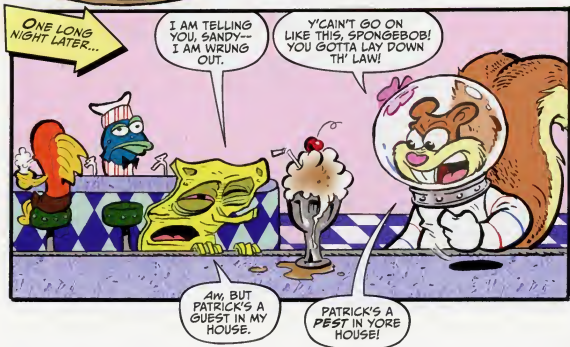
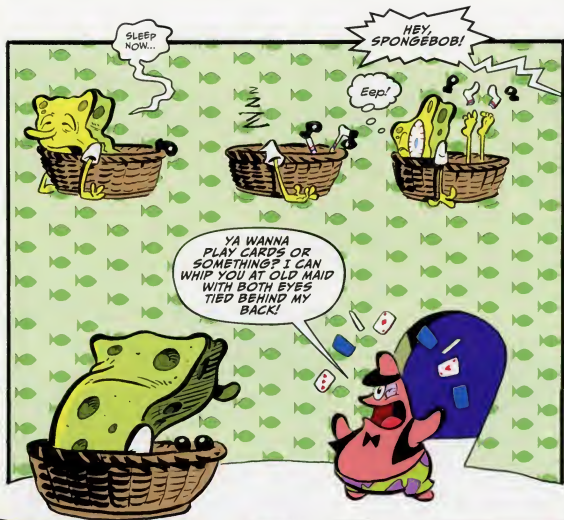
BY SCOTT ROBERTS

















OKAY, I CAN MAKE YOU A NEW ROCK JUST LIKE YOUR OLD ONE. HOW MUCH ARE YOU LOOKING TO SPEND?

I'VE GOT A PIECE OF GUM. YOU LIKE GUM? IT'S GOT SOME FLAVOR LEFT.



OH, YOU WANT IT FOR FREE, HUH? WHY DOES EVERYONE THINK ARTISTS DON'T NEED TO BE PAID?!

RUN! MY FOLKS WERE RIGHT! ARTISTS ARE CRAZY!



WE TRIED NEW ROCKS, USED ROCKS, CUSTOM-MADE ROCKS. WELL, THAT'S IT, SPONGEBOB.

Y'KNOW, MY HIGH SCHOOL VOTED ME "MOST LIKELY TO BE A BUM." THEY WERE RIGHT.



NO, PATRICK, THEY WERE **WRONG!** YOU'RE...WAIT--YOU WENT TO HIGH SCHOOL?

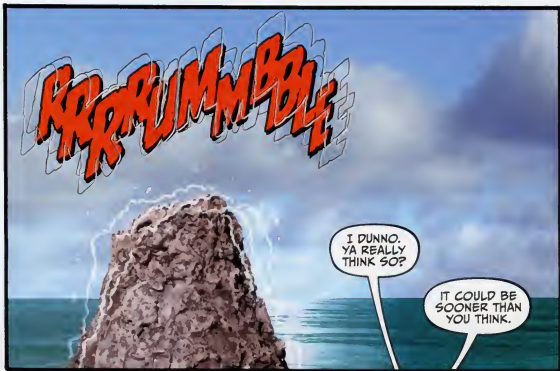


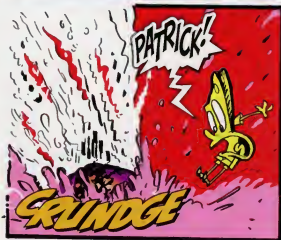
I MIGHT AS WELL FIND A DUMPSTER AN' CALL IT HOME. YOU THINK MR. KRABS WOULD MIND?

STOP IT! YOU'RE NO BUM. A MOOCHER, MAYBE. BUT YOU'RE MY BEST FRIEND.



AND THINGS ARE GONNA WORK OUT. YOU'LL SEE. I'VE GOT A FEELING SOMETHING'LL COME UP **REAL** SOON.





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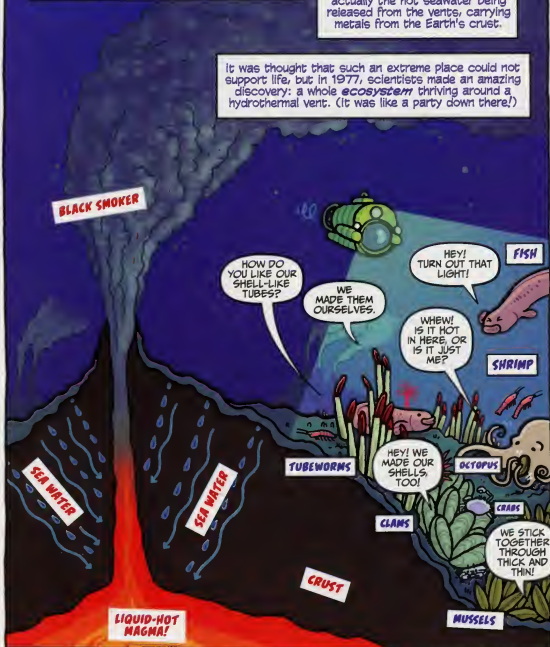
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8,000 ft (2,400 m) under the sea

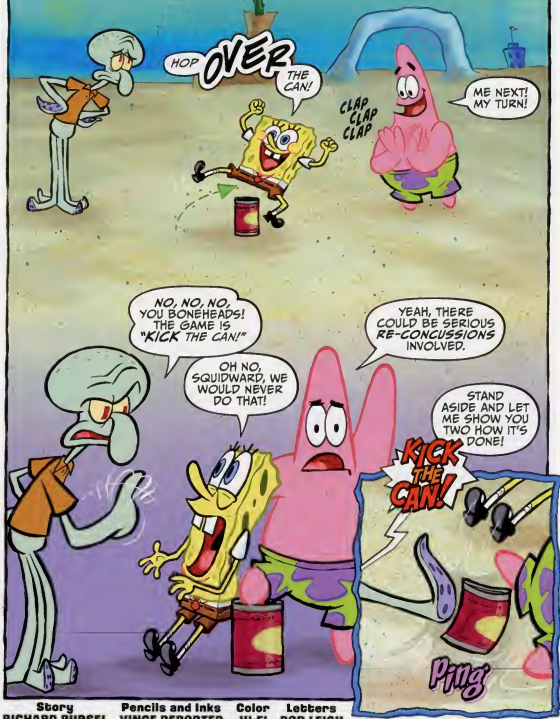
A *hydrothermal vent* is like a deep-sea volcano. Ocean water seeps down toward the magma under the Earth's crust and gets super-heated to 750° F (400° C).

This cloud of "smoke" is actually the hot seawater being released from the vents, carrying metals from the Earth's crust.

It was thought that such an extreme place could not support life, but in 1977, scientists made an amazing discovery: a whole *ecosystem* thriving around a hydrothermal vent. (It was like a party down there!)



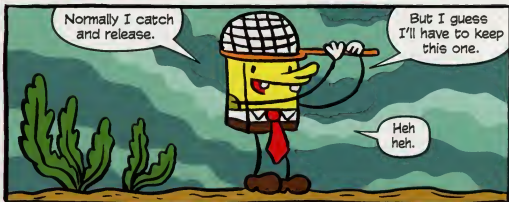
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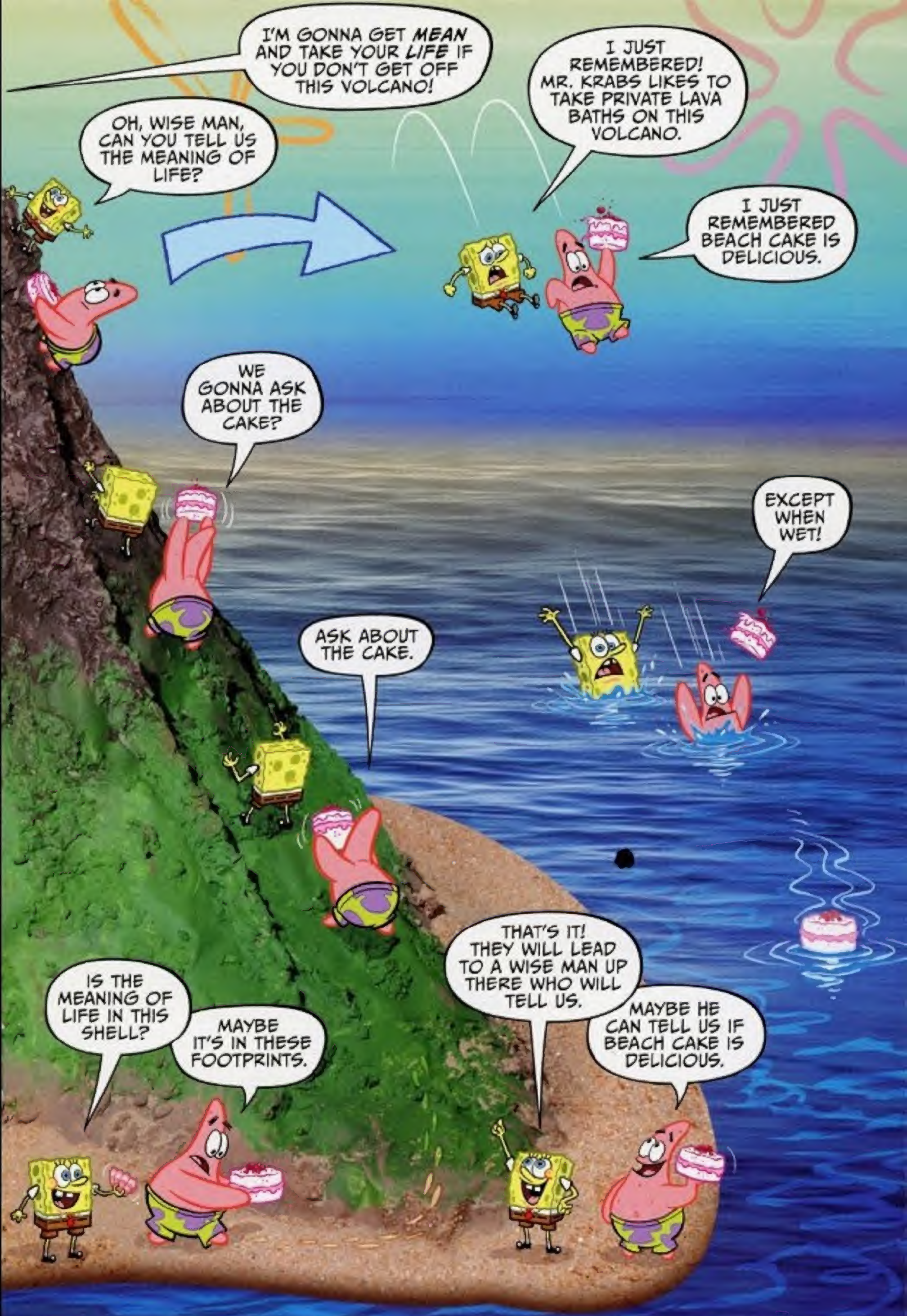
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SpongeBob's volcanic journey.



IS THE
MEANING OF
LIFE IN THESE
ROCKS?

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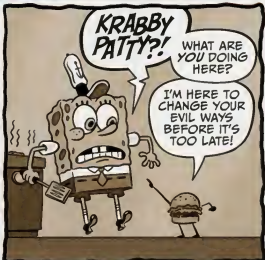


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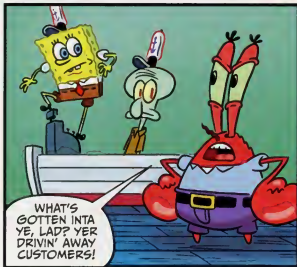


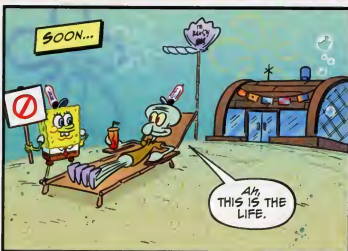
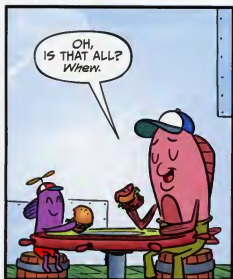


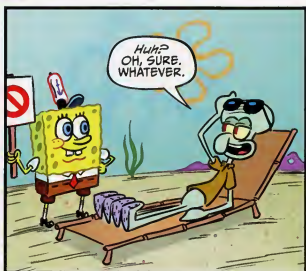
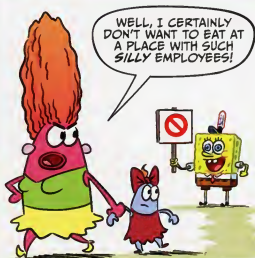
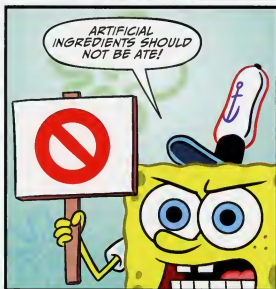


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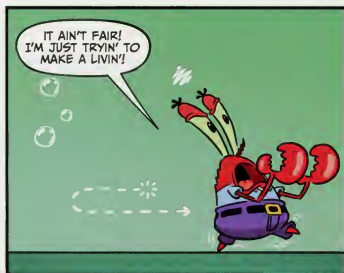


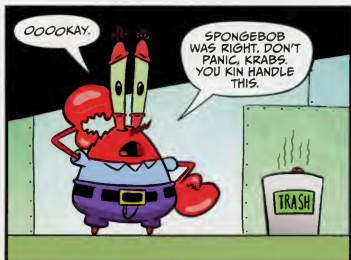












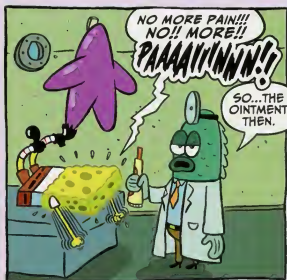
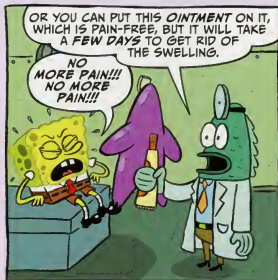
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